

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully traverses and requests reconsideration.

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination and search of the subject and for finding allowable subject matter (present action, page 4) in the present application.

The making FINAL of the Restriction requirement is noted. Non-elected Claims 34-43 are hereby canceled. A divisional application will be filed to Claims 34-43 once the elected Claims are allowed.

All Claims are believed to be in condition for Allowance, and that is so requested.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, and 18 are amended.

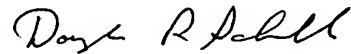
Claims 3, 8, 12, 23, and 24 and 34-43 are canceled.

Examiner indicates that Claims 5, 6, 8, 15, 17, 21-23, 27, 28, and 32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. In light of this notice, Applicant amends Claim 1 to include all of the limitations of prior Claim 8 such that, effectively, Claim 8 "has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations..." Applicant further amends Claims 4, 5, and 7 to provide correct antecedance of terms and claim dependency. Applicant further cancels 3 and 8 as now redundant in light of amended Claim 1. Also light of the notice of allowable subject matter, Applicant amends Claim 18 to include all of the limitations of prior Claim 23 such

that, effectively, Claim 23 "has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations..." Applicant further cancels 23 and 24 as now redundant in light of amended Claim 18.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims should in condition for allowance and requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the below listed agent if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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